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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 605
By Graves

A RESOLUTION to honor Matthew Allen Taylor, Co-Valedictorian
of Westmoreland High School's class of 2000.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Allen Taylor is one such outstanding student who has distinguished himself as co-valedictorian of the 2000 class at Westmoreland High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Matthew has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Taylor's academic achievement has been recognized by being a Boys' State nominee, Governor's School alternate, Trigonometry Award recipient, Physics

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Award recipient, and Physical Science Award recipient; he also and won first place for best design of a balsa wood bridge that he built; and

WHEREAS, demonstrative of his intellectual prowess and inner drive, Matthew was also actively involved with the Beta Club; he participated in can food drives, and raised money for Heartwalk to aid in the fight against heart disease. He was honored to have been a selected participant of Youth Leadership Sumner, a program in which Matthew explored his home county; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his academic excellence, Matthew is no stranger to hard work, he has been employed at Kenny's Korner and A & C Leaf Raking and Gutter Cleaning, and he has performed manual labor for Frank Ruckman and Donald Taylor; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable young man earned an overall grade point average of 4.6 and plans to graduate this spring with hopes of becoming a civil or mechanical engineer; and

WHEREAS, Matthew's noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for his mother, Melody Lauderdale, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Matthew 's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor the 2000 Westmoreland High School Co-Valedictorian, Matthew Allen Taylor, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy and successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

